

**In the Abstract:**

Please make the following changes in the abstract (most recent version in the amendment filed January 4, 2005):

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The absorber pipe (1), especially for a parabolic collector for a solar heat collecting apparatus, is described. The absorber pipe (1) includes ~~has a~~ central metal pipe (3), and a glass sleeve tube (2) surrounding the pipe so that an annular space (4) is formed between them and an expansion compensating device connecting the central metal pipe and a glass-metal transitional element (5) on a free end of the sleeve tube (2). ~~An expansion compensation device (10) is provided, which is arranged under a glass-metal transitional element (5) attached to the sleeve tube (2) and at least partially within an annular space (4) and between the metal pipe (3) and the glass-metal transitional element. The expansion compensation device (10) (10), which connects the metal pipe and sleeve tube, so that they can slide slid relative to each other, and includes can have a folding bellows (11) for that purpose. Furthermore it also includes a connecting element (15) is provided, which has either a cylindrical or a conical section (17,18,18") and which connects an interior one end of the folding bellows with the metal pipe.~~